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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6558**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 260

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 30, 2012

**BILL AMENDED:** Jan 26, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Firefighter Training and Elevator Mechanics.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Alting

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - 1<sup>st</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
X DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** *Fund Elimination/Transfer-* The bill repeals the Statewide Arson Investigation Financial Assistance Fund (SAIFAF) and transfers the money to the Regional Public Safety Training Fund (RPSTF).

*Adopt NFPA Code-* The bill specifies that the Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education (BFPSE) may adopt by reference the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) code.

*Elevator Mechanic Licenses-* The bill establishes requirements for elevator mechanic licenses issued after June 30, 2012. The bill amends expiration dates for elevator mechanic licenses.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2012.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *Fund Elimination/Transfer-* A transfer of the available free balance of the SAIFAF to the RPSTF on December 31, 2011, would have totaled \$10,850. The actual amount transferred will depend on the available free balance of the SAIFAF on June 30, 2012. As of December 31, 2011, the RPSTF had a free balance of \$408,786.

*Adopt NFPA Code-* The BFPSE regularly adopts rules within its normal business operations. This provision would have a minimal, if any, effect on BFPSE resources.

*Elevator Mechanic Licenses-* This provision would have an unknown effect on the number of licensed elevator mechanics in future years. There were 1,506 active licensed elevator mechanics as of December 30, 2011.

However, the workload to process renewals would be spread, in theory, more evenly as the expiration date would be a license holder's birthday and not the current December 31.

**Background Information-** The SAIFAF is used to provide monies to prosecuting attorneys, local police departments, the Indiana State Police, arson task forces, fire departments with arson investigators, and the Indiana Department of Homeland Security's Division of Fire and Building Safety for fire investigations. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) administers the SAIFAF. Money in the fund is provided from deposits by the executive director of the DHS, and any gifts and grants from any source accepted by the DHS. Money in the SAIFAF does not revert to the state General Fund at the end of a state fiscal year.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** *Elevator Mechanic Licenses-* This provision would have an indeterminable effect on revenues from elevator mechanic licensing fees. Total FY 2011 revenues from both elevator mechanic and amusement device licensing was \$2.67 M.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** *Fund Elimination/Transfer-* This provision would make some additional money available for local public safety service providers for regional and advanced training. Any additional revenue a local public safety agency could receive would be determined by the Department of Homeland Security.

**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Homeland Security, Division of Fire and Building Safety, BFPSE.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Local public safety agencies.

**Information Sources:** *Indiana Handbook of Taxes, Revenues, and Appropriations FY 2011 Edition*; State Budget Agency Auditor's database; Mara Snyder, Department of Homeland Security.

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